

Definition of protection ratings to DIN EN 60529 (VDE 0470-1: 2014-09)

The protection ratings are indicated by a code that is always made up of the same two identification letters IP and the code numbers for the degree of protection.

Degrees of protection against solid foreign bodies

First code number	Short description	Definition
0	Not protected	
1	Protected against solid foreign bodies 50 mm diameter and above	The object probe, sphere of 50mm diameter, shall not fully penetrate.
2	Protected against solid foreign bodies 12.5 mm diameter and above	The object probe, sphere of 12.5 mm diameter, shall not fully penetrate.
3	Protected against solid foreign bodies 2.5 mm diameter and above	The object probe, sphere of 2.5 mm diameter, shall not penetrate at all.
4	Protected against solid foreign bodies 1.0 mm diameter and above	The object probe, sphere of 1.0 mm diameter, shall not penetrate at all.
5	Protected against dust	Intrusion of dust is not completely prevented but dust shall not penetrate in a quantity that would interfere with the satisfactory operation of the device or impair safety.
6	Dust-tight	No penetration of dust.

Degrees of protection against water

Second code number	Short description	Definition
0	Not protected	
1	Protected against drops of water	Vertically falling drops shall have no harmful effects.
2	Protected against drops of water if the housing is tilted by up to 15°.	Vertically falling drops shall have no harmful effects if the housing is tilted by up to 15° on either side of the vertical.
3	Protected against spraying water	Water sprayed at an angle of up to 60° on either side of the vertical shall have no harmful effects.
4	Protected against splashing water	Water splashed against the housing from any direction shall have no harmful effects.
5	Protected against jets of water	Water projected in jets against the housing from any direction shall have no harmful effects.
6	Protected against powerful jets of water	Water projected in powerful jets against the housing from any direction shall have no harmful effects.
7	Protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water	Water must not penetrate in quantities causing harmful effects when the housing is temporarily immersed in water under standardised pressure and time conditions.
8	Protected against the effects of permanent immersion in water	Water must not penetrate in quantities causing harmful effects when the housing is continually immersed in water under conditions that must be agreed upon between the manufacturer and the user. However, the conditions must be more difficult than for number 7.
9	Protected against high-pressure and steam-jet cleaning (with high temperatures)	Water projected against the housing from any direction under very high pressure shall have no harmful effects

NOTE: Starting from September 2014 the description of degree of protection IP 69K has changed to IP 69, all test basics remain the same according to DIN EN 60529 (VDE 0470-1 : 2014-09) - Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code).

FOR EXAMPLE: Identification letters IP 65

